

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, the Applicants submit the below remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of these remarks.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract. The Abstract has been amended and no new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 129-136, 142-145, 146-156, 158-170 and 171 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,238,338 (hereinafter DeLuca). The Examiner also rejected claim 137 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable by DeLuca in view of U.S. Patent 5,927,603 (hereinafter McNabb). The Examiner also rejected claims 138-139 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable by DeLuca in view of U.S. Patent 5,914,837 (hereinafter Amano). The Examiner also rejected claim 157 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable by DeLuca in view of Amano, further in view of McNabb and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,039,258 (hereinafter Durbin) and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,565,999 (hereinafter King).

Applicants contend that references individually or in combination do not teach or suggest all limitations of claim 129, or the other independent claims of the present application. The Applicants' arguments shall be presented with respect to claim 129. However, these comments are applicable to the other independent claims of the present application, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these comments and remarks when reviewing the other independent claims for allowability.

DeLuca does not disclose a hardware interface to be connected to a processing device and to an attachable sensor, the attachable sensor to perform data acquisition when attached to the hardware interface. DeLuca discloses a biosignal monitoring system and method. A plurality of sensors are attached to a human body and transmit biosignals to the control station. The sensors are periodically docked in the recharging station wherein

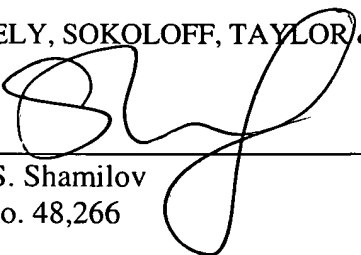
identification code can be assigned to the sensor, also calibration of the sensor can be performed when the sensor is docked in the recharging station. The sensors are not attached to the recharging station for data acquisition. In fact, the sensors perform data acquisition when attached to the human body and not to the recharging station. Thus, DeLuca does not disclose the present invention, specifically, at least a hardware interface to be connected to a processing device and to an attachable sensor, the attachable sensor to perform data acquisition when attached to the hardware interface.

The Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) and 103 (a) has been addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. The Applicants furthermore submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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